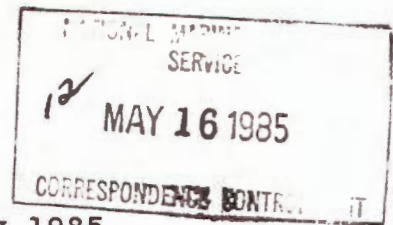


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10 May 1985

Mr. William G. Gordon
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries
National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA/Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20235

Re: Permit Application No. P-2P
(Sea World, Inc.)


Dear Mr. Gordon:

The Commission, in consultation with its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals, has reviewed the above-referenced permit application with reference to the goals, policies, and requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The Commission recommends approval of this application to obtain, transport, import, and maintain six (6) false killer whales (Pseudorca crassidens), as described in the application, for purposes of public display. In making this recommendation, we note that according to the application, the animals to be imported are collected in Japan in a lawful and humane manner, and are not nursing, pregnant, or under eight months of age at the time of take. In this regard, we recommend the lower length limit of animals to be collected be raised from approximately 300 cm., as indicated in the application, to between 325 -350 cm., in order to ensure that unweaned calves are not taken.

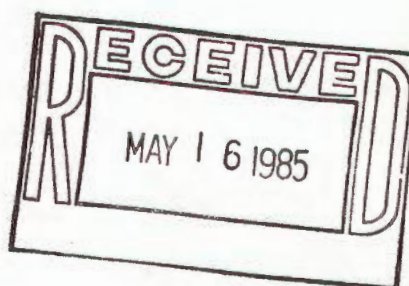
The Commission feels that there would be no significant adverse impact upon the affected population or the ecosystem of which it is a part as a result of the activities for which it has recommended approval.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this recommendation.

Sincerely,


John R. Twiss, Jr.
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Charles Karnella



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